

College Degrees and Official Titles—Remuneration of an Experienced Student.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Not long since a gentleman who meant to be polite, and who affects English spelling, addressed a letter to me as follows: "The Honorable George Ticknor Curtis, LL. D., etc., etc." I never held any public office or position which, by a custom that would be more honored in the breach than the observance, is supposed to put the prefix of honorable to a man's name; nor did I ever receive from my own Harvard or any other institution of learning the degree of LL. D., or any other honorary degree. The fondness of our people for titles and the readiness with which they are bestowed is remarkable. By Western men I am sometimes called Colonel or Judge, but more commonly the latter. It has been my ambition through life to be known only as "Mr. I have been an author for fifty years in various departments—in jurisprudence, in history, in biography, in philosophy, and in politics. My name is on the title page of many books, but I have never appended to it a list of honorary degrees or memberships in different literary societies, for the reason that I have not had them to append.

When I was in college at Harvard, more than sixty years ago, there dwelt at Cambridgeport a Mr. Thomas Downe, who carried on the respectable occupation of a leather dresser. Being a prosperous man, and a bachelor, he accumulated a good property. He built a handsome house on the main street, in which he had an apartment on the second floor where he lived. It was customary in those days for tradespeople to put their shops and show-rooms in the front of their houses. Mr. Downe had a figure of a sheep in full fleece, erected on a high column in front of his building. His manufacture of leather, chiefly sheepskin, was carried on in the rear of his premises. He had a fondness for accumulating books, and he was a collector of old leather-bound books. At the time of which I speak he had quite a large library, and the corporation and officers of Harvard University, thinking that they could do no better than to honor him with the degree of LL. D., conferred the honor upon him. He was a man of good character, and a good citizen, but he was not a scholar. He was a leather dresser, and he was a collector of old leather-bound books. He was a man of good character, and a good citizen, but he was not a scholar. He was a leather dresser, and he was a collector of old leather-bound books.

About the same time there was a dean of the Theological Faculty in Harvard who, besides being a man of good character, was also a collector of old leather-bound books. He was a man of good character, and a good citizen, but he was not a scholar. He was a leather dresser, and he was a collector of old leather-bound books. He was a man of good character, and a good citizen, but he was not a scholar. He was a leather dresser, and he was a collector of old leather-bound books.

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Characteristics of the New British Torpedo Boat Destroyers—Arrangement of Tubes in the "Thornycroft" Boats.

The success which attended the steam trial of England's new torpedo boat Havock has caused the progress of the remainder of the class of which she is the pioneer to be watched with great interest. Twenty of them in all are to be built, if the plan is carried out. They are to be built, if the plan is carried out. They are to be built, if the plan is carried out.

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An account was recently given in THE SUN of the main characteristics of the Havock and her mates. The Daring, one of the latest of the class, launched recently from the yard of Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft & Co. at Chiswick, was the first of this class from that yard. She has a length of 135 feet, a breadth of 10 feet, and a draught of 8 feet, the displacement being 220 tons. The armament will consist of one 12-pounder and three 6-pounder rapid-fire guns. There are three torpedo tubes for the 18-inch Whitehead torpedoes. It will be seen that the displacement of this vessel is nearly twice as great as that of the Cushing, which it far exceeds in speed.

FIG. 2. LONGITUDINAL ELEVATION, PARTLY IN SECTION.

Turning to the machinery, it is found that the two cylinders are of the "three-stage compound type," each set having four cylinders, the high pressure being 10 inches in diameter, the intermediate 27, and the two low-pressure cylinders each 27, with a stroke of 18 inches. The contract for 3,500 indicated horse power, or about double that of the Cushing and the Ericsson, and the boiler pressure is designed to be 210 pounds.

FIG. 3. CROSS SECTION.

It is further noted by our London contemporary that a London engineer of the Thornycroft firm is the arrangement of the tubes which form the heating surface, so that the passage of products of combustion to the chimney. Hence the main series of tubes, in the present type of boiler, are arranged in a zig-zag manner, the tubes being arranged in a zig-zag manner, the tubes being arranged in a zig-zag manner.

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\$30 for this style Parlor Suit, upholstered in brocade, satin, damask, &c., consisting of divan, arm and corner chair, good reception chair, brass and onyx-top table. Over 500 other patterns at big discount.

\$12—Extension Table—Solid antique oak; highly polished; hand carved. Number of other patterns \$4 up.

\$1.75—Dining Chair—Solid antique oak; carved top; upholstered in best leather. Great number of other patterns.

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